

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 48-49, 52, 54, 56, 63-65 and 67.

CLAIMS

Claims 1-45 (cancelled).

Claim 46 (previously presented): A metal working fluid ~~consisting essentially of~~ comprising a metal working fluid base comprising a mono- or di-ester having at least one non-saturated fatty tail of length from 12-22 carbon atoms, and also having a bromo-nitro moiety attached to a single carbon atom, said ester present in sufficient quantity to prevent biological growth in said metal working fluid.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The metal working fluid of claim 46 wherein said fatty tail is an oleate.

Claims 48-49 (cancelled).

Claim 50 (previously presented): A metal working fluid containing a sufficient quantity of an alkyl or allyl ester, said ester having at least one oleate tail with a

bromo-nitro moiety attached to a single carbon atom to prevent bio-degradation of said metal working fluid.

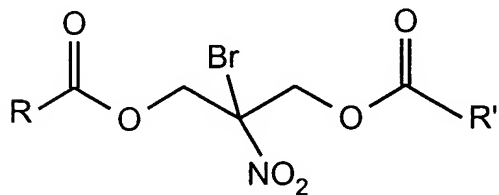
Claim 51 (previously presented): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing a surfactant.

Claim 52-54 (cancelled).

Claim 55 (previously presented): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing water.

Claim 56 (cancelled).

Claim 57 (previously presented): A metal working fluid consisting essentially of an ester having a bromo-nitro moiety of the following structure:



where R and R' can be same or different and are chosen from alkyl, allyl, alkenyl, with 12 to 22 carbons, and where one of R or R' contains a non-saturated fatty tail, said ester

in sufficient quantity to prevent bio-degradation of said metal working fluid.

Claim 58 (currently amended): The metal working fluid ester of claim 57 wherein said ester is an alkyl or ~~allyl~~ alkenyl ester.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The metal working fluid of claim 58 wherein said ester contains an ~~oleaic~~ oleic tail.

Claim 60-61 (cancelled).

Claim 62 (previously presented): The metal working fluid of claim 59 further containing a surfactant.

Claims 63-65 (cancelled).

Claim 66 (previously presented): The metal working fluid of claim 59 further containing water.

Claim 67 (cancelled).